Branches of Customs, Excise and Gold (Control) Appellate Tribunal

1239. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what are the details of special and regional branches of Customs, Excise & Gold (Control), Appellate Tribunal (CEGAT) which are functioning;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to set up a regional branch of CEGAT at Hyderabad;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) There are four special Benches namely Spl. Bench 'A', 'B', 'C' & 'D' functioning at New Delhi.

There are also four Regional Benches out of which Northern Regional Bench is functioning at New Delhi and three other Branches as under :—

East Regional Bench at Calcutta.

West Regional Bench at Bombay.

South Regional Bench at Madras.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Not applicable.

(d) The South Regional Bench at Madras serves Hyderabad also.

Contraband goods seized by anti-smuggling agencies

1240. DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the value of contraband goods seized by various anti-smuggling agencies during the years 1990-91 and 1991-92; and

(b) what is the sectorwise break-up of the imported contraband items seized during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI RAMESHWAR THAKUR) : (a) and (b) The value of contraband goods seized by the various anti-smuggling agencies during the financial years 1990-91 and 1991-92 and the sector-wise break up are given below :—

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1990-91	1991-92
Value of Contraband seized (All India) . .	79982	66863
Sector-wise Break-up .		
West Coast	44607	39228
East Coast	17510	12523
Indo—Lanka	2497	1316
Indo—Nepal	2753	3958
Indo—Pak	2606	3510
Indo—Bangladesh	1632	1078
Indo—Burma	053	110
Other Sectors	8124	5140